

AGENDA

CANTON BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2007

GARDEN CENTER BUILDING

4:00 P.M.

Reading of the minutes of the October 10, 2007 regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Pinnacle Press

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Canton Midget Football - Mr. R.C. Hill
2. Mr. McCreary and Mr. Harris requesting to remove solid waste from Stadium, Monument and Waterworks Parks
3. Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad requesting to use the Stadium Park soccer field area, July 25, 26 and 27, 2008, as a part of their "The Little Engine that Could" Event
4. Sergeant Thristino Retirement
5. Director requesting to attend Ohio Parks and Recreation Association annual Conference in Dayton on February 10-13, 2008

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

CANTON PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MINUTES

NOVEMBER, 2007

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, November 14, 2007, at the Garden Center Building.

Present were: Mr. Andy Black, President; Ms. Marilyn Thomas Jones, Vice President; Mr. Lon Winberry, Member; and Mr. Douglas V. Perry, Director/Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

At this time a motion was made by A. Black to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2007 regular meeting as written. A second was made by M. Thomas Jones, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Pinnacle Press - The Director informed the Board that a license agreement was being prepared by the Law Department for Council Action. The issue remained tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Canton Midget Football - Mr. R.C. Hill addressed the Board with regard to the issues the Board had with the League's activities last year.

Mr. Hill explained that they were going to take action to try and control the parking had arranged to divide Crenshaw Park into sections assigned to each team to ensure the park was cleaned up after they were finished. He stated he was also arranging for dumpsters to put the trash in at the park. He asked for some assistance with adding "No Parking on the Grass" signs. The Director will look in to that issue.

The Director also informed the Board that he had a letter from a newly formed youth football league requesting the Board not to finalize field assignments until a later date.

The Board discussed the new league's request in that the league was new and at this point had no players. The Board decided not to honor their request to delay a decision.

At this point Mr. Black made a motion to approve Canton Midget Football's request to use Crenshaw Park for seven Saturdays, August 30 through October 11, 2008 to hold games and sell light concessions. In addition the use of Oak Park, Monday thru Thursday, 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. from July 28th thru October 17th, 2008. A second was made by M. Thomas Jones, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

Ms. Tennika Binius asked to address the Board. She stated that she was involved with the new Canton Youth Football League. She stated the new league did not want to compete with the old league and was not interested in using Crenshaw Park. She did ask what information the Board would require if they did ask for park use. President Black and the Director responded to her question. The Director pointed out that generally the Recreation District does practice field assignments.

The Director informed the Board that there was another guest who wished to address the Board.

Mr. Black allowed the President elect of the Canton Garden Center, Ms. Bonnie Popa, to have the floor. Ms. Popa introduced herself and presented the Board with their 2008 request to use the Garden Center building.

The Director informed the Board that the Garden Center Manager had reviewed the schedule and found no conflicts or major changes.

The Board congratulated Ms. Popa on her election.

A motion was then made by M. Thomas Jones to approve the 2008 schedule. A second was made by L. Winberry and was then passed by unanimous vote.

2. Mr. McCreary and Mr. Harris requesting to remove solid waste from Stadium, Monument and Waterworks Parks - The Board reviewed this request, and a motion was then made by A. Black to approve the request as long as they got the dates of their cleanup approved in advance by the Director. A second was made by L. Winberry. The motion passed by the following vote:

A. Black - Yes
M. Thomas Jones - Abstain
L. Winberry - Yes

3. Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad requesting to use the Stadium Park soccer field area, July 25, 26 and 27, 2008, as a part of their "The Little Engine that Could" Event - The Board reviewed this request. There was some concern expressed with the dates and Hall of Fame activities. A motion was then made by A. Black to approve the request with an insurance requirement. A second was made by M. Thomas Jones, and the motion was then passed by unanimous vote.

4. Sergeant Thristino Retirement - The Board reviewed a letter from Sergeant Thristino indicating his intent to retire close of business January 4, 2008, and his request to purchase his former service weapon for one dollar as has been approved in the past. A motion to approve the sale to Sergeant Thristino of his service weapon for one dollar upon his retirement was made by A. Black. A second to the motion was made by L. Winberry, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

The Director asked the Board if they wished to request a test to fill the Sergeant's position, and if so, he had some recommended changes to the position description.

After discussion of the issues, a motion was made by A. Black to approve both the testing for a replacement and the recommended changes to the position description for Sergeant Park Police. A second was made by L. Winberry, and the motion was then approved by unanimous vote.

5. Director requesting to attend Ohio Parks and Recreation Association Annual Conference in Dayton on February 10-13, 2008 - Mr. Black asked if City funds would be available to pay the costs. The Director stated he did not know as the 2008 budget was not done. The Director also stated that if there were no funds he would again pay for the trip himself if he went.

A motion to approve the Director's attendance at the conference was made by A. Black. A second was made by M. Thomas Jones, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

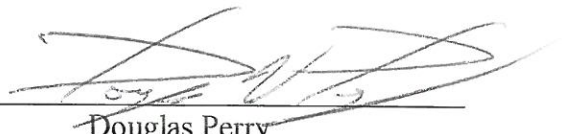
Ms. Thomas Jones stated that she reviewed the information the Director provided to the Canton Quarterly Winter 2008 issue and that she thought we should do a better job of promoting the Park System and take every opportunity to do so.

She also asked the Director to check on her term dates to see if they are correct and that she would be willing to serve another term on the Board should the new Mayor be willing to appoint her.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.



Andy Black
President



Douglas Perry
Director/Secretary